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RE: Docket 02-278, File Number DA 05-1346

Dear FCC:

I understand thirty three organizations desires to restrict states from regulating telemarketing weakening the Indiana Do Not Call law. I do not support this effort and urge the FCC to reject/deny the petition. Businesses have many mediums to peddle their services. While I may ignore other conduits (television, radio, paper, direct mailing) it would be dangerous and impractical to shut down my phone. What if my wife was rushed to a hospital? What if a family member is dying? These are recent, real-life examples. I am flabbergasted the FCC would like to see such urgent calls sent to my voice mail as I listen to repeated, continuous phone commercials and sales pitches --- pitches I neither need nor desire.

Additionally, in this age of despair over the state of the American family it goes against our cultural values to desecrate the family dinner with these repeated intrusions. Prior to Indiana's Do Not Call list it was not unusual to receive three calls a night during dinner time. How can one maintain conversations, ask children about their day, or maintain a sense of propriety communing with one's spiritual beliefs during the evening meal?

It seems contrary to force the break-up of monopolistic phone companies and encourage regional, even local, competition in this market while stating all regulation must occur in the federal system. What becomes of communities and states that national companies do not wish to support. States must have lee-way to set their own regulations to address issues of services and competition.

If these businesses were paying for my phone, if I received it "on their dime," they would have every right to send me as many advertisements and request for businesses as they like; they would be paying the bill. But individual citizens pay for this service, including the associated taxes. As such, it is the rights of the individuals, not the corporations, which should be protected in this case.

***Again, I urge the FCC to reject petition DA 05-1346.***

Respectfully,

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